

TYSON FISHER,
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 Plaintiff,
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 vs.) Case No. 16-01157-CV-W-HFS
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 DNA DIAGNOSTICS CENTER, INC.,)
 d/b/a GTLDNA GENETIC TESTING)
 LABORATORIES,)
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 Defendant.)

Pending before the Court is plaintiff's pro se motion to extend the stay in this case. (Doc. 57). This case has been the subject of two stays – one based on child support proceedings in Kansas and another based on the withdrawal of plaintiff's attorney due to a conflict of interest. (Docs. 30, 55) The most recent stay expired on March 11, 2020, and the purpose of that stay was to allow plaintiff additional time to secure new counsel. (Doc.56).

It is true that this case has been pending for some time. However, neither stay can be attributed to any delay caused by plaintiff. Indeed, defendant requested the first stay which was in place over one year while the child support order was appealed in Kansas. Plaintiff has recounted his efforts to hire new counsel during the COVID-19 pandemic and there is no undue prejudice to defendant allowing plaintiff an additional amount of time to secure counsel.

For good cause shown, plaintiff's motion is GRANTED and this case is STAYED, up to and including, June 19, 2020. ¹

/s/ Howard F. Sachs
Howard F. Sachs
United States District Judge

May 6, 2020
Kansas City, Missouri

¹ Plaintiff asks that the stay be extended until June 20, 2020. The stay he seeks to extend, however, was lifted on March 7, 2020, so a new stay must be ordered. In addition, June 20 is a Saturday, so the Court will set the stay to expire on Friday, June 19, 2020.